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In Re The Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/390,303)
Filed: September 3, 1999)
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND)
COMPUTER READABLE ME-)
DIUM FOR ADDRESSING)
HANDLING FROM AN OPER-)
ATING SYSTEM)

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 27, 2002. Claims 1-28 are in the application and have been rejected by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully traverses all objections.

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1,4-8,16-18,20-22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Williams (United States Patent No. 6,108,686).

Claim 1, the only independent claim in the application, reads, in part, as follows:

searching, using the record retrieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information associated with the first information

The Examiner states that Williams teaches this element in the Abstract, column 3, lines 1-67, column 4, lines 48-67, column 6, lines 1-67, column 7, lines 40-46 and 65-67 and in column 8, lines 1-19. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Williams does teach a system that utilizes local and remote databases; however, Williams does not search the local and remote databases using the record retrieval program for second information associated with the first information, as claimed.

Instead, Williams teaches an agent that scans repeatedly, and without user intervention, the remote database and stores any retrieved information in the local database. (see column 5, lines 49-61) In the system described by Williams, when a user seeks to retrieve data, the content viewer "accesses the information from the local database and displays it to the user." (column 6, lines 15-18) Additionally, the search described by Williams is based upon a set of search rules and not the user's entered first information. (see column 5, lines 49-51)

The Williams system does not search the local and remote databases for the second information; it only searches the local database. Furthermore, Williams only searches the remote database using a set of predefined search rules, whereas the Applicant's claimed invention searches the local and remote databases using the entered first information.

As Williams does not teach the claimed element of "searching, using the record retrieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information associated

with the first information," Williams does not anticipate the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim is allowable.

Claims 2-28 depend on claim 1 or other intermediate claims depending on claim 1.

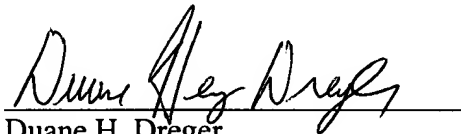
Thus, these claims are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable bas claim.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-28 on nonstatutory double patenting grounds based upon United States Patent Number 6,323,853. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and state that an appropriate terminal disclaimer will be filed once allowable subject matter is indicated by the Examiner.

All claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully urges the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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